

Appln: No. 09/922,978  
Petition Dated June 18, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of May 25, 2004



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 09/922,978  
Applicants: Kazuhisa Yamamoto et al.  
Filed: August 6, 2001  
Title: OPTICAL DEVICE, LASER BEAM SOURCE, LASER APPARATUS  
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL DEVICE  
T.C./A.U.: 2828  
Examiner: Leon Scott, Jr.  
Confirmation No.: 1750  
Docket No.: YAO-3750US1

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181**  
**FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT AND**  
**FOR CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

First, this Petition is to request the issuance of a Supplemental Notice of Allowability which acknowledges receipt of Applicants' priority document. The Notice of Allowability (mailed on May 25, 2004) did not acknowledge receipt of the priority document. The priority document was filed in the parent Application No. 08/973,380 on March 16, 1998 (copy of transmittal enclosed).

Second, Applicants filed Information Disclosure Statements (IDS's) on August 6, 2001, April 25, 2003, and August 27, 2003. Copies of the IDS's, as filed, are enclosed. The IDS's, although properly filed, have not been considered.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the originally filed IDS's and to return the initialed Form 1449's to the undersigned.

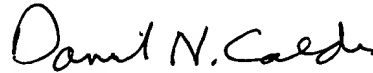
Copies of the IDS's and return postcards evidencing receipt of the IDS's by the PTO are enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that issuance of the above identified application be suspended until acknowledgement of the priority documents has been made and the IDS's have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel N. Calder, Reg. No. 27,424  
Attorney for Applicants

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Attachments: Notice of Allowability;  
Copies of Information Disclosure Statements and postcards;  
Copies of Transmittal Forms and postcards from parent application

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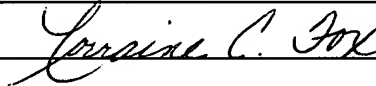
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First Named Inventor	Kazuhisa Yamamoto
Art Unit	2828
Examiner Name	Leon Scott, Jr.
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**ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)**

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/922,978	08/06/2001	Kazuhisa Yamamoto	YAO-3750US1	1750

/ TITLE OF INVENTION: OPTICAL DEVICE, LASER BEAM SOURCE, LASER APPARATUS AND METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL DEVICE

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1330	\$300	\$1630	08/25/2004

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. **PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.** THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. **THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED.** SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE REFLECTS A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE APPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION. THE PTOL-85B (OR AN EQUIVALENT) MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THIS PERIOD EVEN IF NO FEE IS DUE OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED.

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B. If applicant claimed SMALL ENTITY status before, or is now claiming SMALL ENTITY status, check the box below and enclose the PUBLICATION FEE and 1/2 the ISSUE FEE shown above.

☐ Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

II. PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL should be completed and returned to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with your ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). Even if the fee(s) have already been paid, Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and returned. If you are charging the fee(s) to your deposit account, section "4b" of Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and an extra copy of the form should be submitted.

III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

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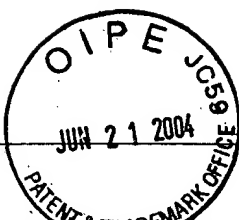
## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 597 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 597 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (703) 305-1383. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at (703) 305-8283.



# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/922,978

Examiner

Leon Scott, Jr.

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to pre-Amend't filed 8/06/01.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 50-54 and 78-80.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☒ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Leon Scott, Jr.  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit 2828



# **Notice of References Cited**

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*		Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Name	Classification
*	A	US-6,654,529	11-2003	Kawaguchi et al.	385/122
*	B	US-6,490,309	12-2002	Okazaki et al.	372/75
*	C	US-6,333,943	12-2001	Yamamoto et al.	372/43
*	D	US-6,188,705	02-2001	Krainak et al.	372/32
*	E	US-5,615,042	03-1997	Delacourt et al.	359/338
*	F	US-5,990,925	11-1999	Sousa et al.	347/256
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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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## **NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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\*A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this Office action. (See MPEP § 707.05(a).)  
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES

DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/JP96/01472

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

30MAY96 (30.05.96)

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

02JUN95(02.06.95); 04JUL95(04.07.95)

TITLE OF INVENTION

OPTICAL DEVICE, LASER BEAM SOURCE, LASER APPARATUS AND METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL DEVICE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

Kazuhisa YAMAMOTO; Kiminori MIZUUCHI; Yasuo KITAOKA; Makoto KATO

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2))
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).
8. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
9. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
10. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 13 to 18 below concern document(s) or information included:

13. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.  
A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A substitute specification.
17. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
18. ☒ Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail
19. ☒ Other items or information:

1. Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices
2. UNEXECUTED Declaration/Power of Attorney (3 pages)
3. (30) sheets of drawings
4. English Translation of Pages as Revised Under Article 34 with Argument



U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 CFR 1.5) <b>To Be Assigned</b>	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP96/01472</b>	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>YAO-3750</b>
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20. The following fees are submitted:

**BASIC NATIONAL FEE ( 37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5) ) :**

☒ Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... **\$930.00**

☐ International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) ..... **\$720.00**

☐ No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) ..... **\$790.00**

☐ Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... **\$1,070.00**

☐ International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) ..... **\$98.00**

**ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =**

Surcharge of **\$130.00** for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total claims	82 - 20 =	62	x \$22.00	<b>\$1,364.00</b>
Independent claims	22 - 3 =	19	x \$82.00	<b>\$1,558.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$4,122.00</b>

Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) (check if applicable). ☐

**SUBTOTAL = \$4,122.00**

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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) (check if applicable). ☐

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SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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SOURCE, LASER APPARATUS AND METHOD :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

S I R :

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the first paragraph, please insert --THIS APPLICATION IS A U.S. NATIONAL PHASE APPLICATION OF PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/JP96/01472--.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul F. Prestia, Reg. No. 23,031  
Steven E. Koffs, Reg. No. 37,163  
Attorneys for Applicants

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Date: December 2, 1997

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DOCUMENTS Pro form 1390 (in duplicate); English

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1. ☐ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
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3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2))
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  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☐ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).
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  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
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10. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 13 to 18 below concern document(s) or information included:

13. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.  
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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN SEE 37 CFR 1.5) <b>08/973,380</b>	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP96/01472</b>	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>YAO-3750</b>
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20. The following fees are submitted:
- BASIC NATIONAL FEE ( 37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5) ) :**
- ☐ Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... **\$930.00**
  - ☐ International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) ..... **\$720.00**
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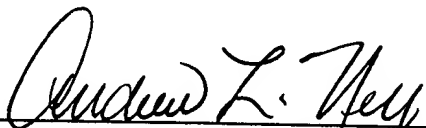
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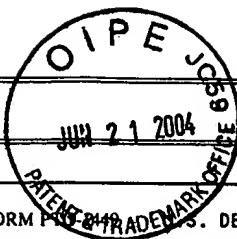
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS

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1)	K. Mizuuchi et al., "Second-Harmonic Generation of Blue Light in a LiTaO <sub>3</sub> Waveguide", Applied Physics Letters, vol. 58, no. 24, pp. 2732-2734 (1991).
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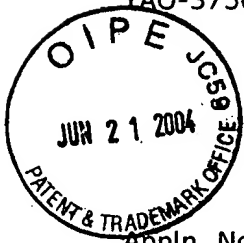
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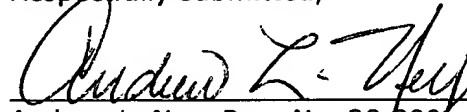
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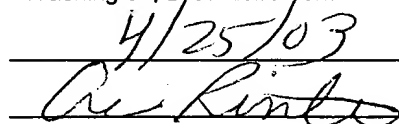
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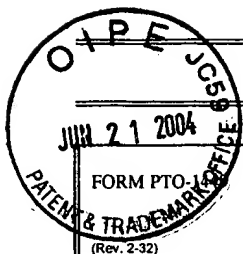
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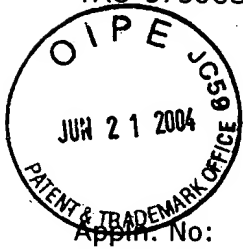
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